

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

B' On page 59, line 19 insert ✓ 'N-dodecyl-N,N-dimethyl-3-ammonio-1-propane-sulfonate' [after "zwittergent 3-12".]

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims ✓ 1-9 and add the following claims 10-20:

10. A method for determining the presence or absence of Streptococcus Group A antigen in a sample, comprising:
- (a) providing a lateral flow immunochromatographic device comprising a sample receiving region of porous material in liquid flow contact with a separate detection region of porous material, wherein said detection region comprises a mobile labeling reagent at a discrete labeling situs and an immobilized capture reagent at a discrete capture situs, and wherein said labeling reagent is a detectable label coupled to a binder which specifically binds to said antigen to form a labeled complex and said capture reagent specifically binds to said antigen or to said labeled complex;
- (b) providing an assay chamber;
- (c) extracting said antigen from said sample with an extraction solution comprising one or two extraction reagents in said assay chamber, wherein said one extraction reagent is added to the assay chamber, to form a
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